

able to control their own destiny and they're doing their job, they're doing it well and they don't see the need for the one man, one vote legislation. I guess I would like to turn the question around to Senator Beutler. Can you tell me why you think it's necessary that those NRDs who are doing their work successfully need to be situated with a one-man, one-vote legislation. Senator Beutler, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I think all of the people in the NRDs are affected. Senator Coordsen last year or the year before, for example, he changed the law so that when a control area was set up in an NRD, even if it was set up in one part of the NRD, completely unrelated to another part of the NRD, it used to be that if there was an extra levy for that control area it was paid by those people who were causing the problem right there in the NRD, but he changed that law so that all of the people in the NRD had to pay that special control area tax and he involved the cities and the villages, everybody in the community, and said you all are going to pay for this pollution that we're doing here in this one particular area. And I say to you, how can you say to those people, you come in here and pay for this but you don't get an equal vote or an equal say about...about our management techniques, about our management problems, about how we run this district. And it's fundamentally unfair, fundamentally unfair to be doing that kind of...that kind of...to be pretending on the one hand that certain people can control within the district but, on the other hand, they don't want to pay the taxes, they want to reach out and have everybody come in and pay the taxes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On the other hand, the reverse is also true. You have a group of...with the one man, one vote situation you have NRDs who the concentration of votes is in the urban area and they control what happens in the rural part of that district. And I think that's happened with some degree of regularity in the eastern part of the state. I think you know who I refer to. I guess I still have questions as to why we should shove something down the throats of the rural part of the state when they don't really have to have it. They know that it's available to them. They know they can do it if they want to. They are functioning exactly the way that we asked them to and why should we force our will or the will of this body on them when they are doing what we've asked them to